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Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Docket 5099 - Proposed FY 2022 Gas Infrastructure, Safety, and Reliability Plan Responses to PUC Data Requests – Set 7

Dear Ms. Massaro:

I have enclosed an electronic version of National Grid's¹ responses to the Public Utilities Commission's Seventh Set of Data Requests in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 781-907-2121.

Very truly yours,



Raquel J. Webster

Enclosures

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¹ The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company).

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Joanne M. Scanlon

March 8, 2021

Date

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Issued on February 25, 2021

PUC 7-1

Request:

Please reconcile the different responses in PUC 6-18 and Amended PUC 3-22 regarding the beginning meter inventory for FY 2022. PUC 6-18 indicates the meter inventory at 3/31/2021 as 16,438, while Amended PUC 3-22 indicates the forecasted beginning inventory for FY 2022 as 9,880.

Response:

In PUC 6-18, the Company noted that the estimated end-of-year (EOY) FY 2021 inventory was 16,438 meters. This inventory level represents the most accurate estimate forecast based on meter inventory levels within the meter shop as of February 28, 2021. In the Company's response to Amended PUC 3-22, the Company should have stated that there were 16,438 meters, not 9,880 meters. The amended 3-22 was an oversight due to internal revision control issues and should have been updated to reflect the 16,438 meters for EOY FY 2021 inventory. Please refer to PUC 3-22-Second Amended which now reflects the correct EOY FY 2021 inventory of 16,438 meters.

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PUC 7-2

Request:

Please reconcile the different responses between the original and amended PUC 3-21 regarding the actual meter changes for FY 2017 and FY 2020. The original response indicated 7,931 actual meter changes for FY 2017 and 10,369 for FY 2020, while the amended response indicates 10,369 for FY 2017 and 7,931 for FY 2020. It appears the actual meter changes for FY 2017 and FY 2020 have been reversed between the original and amended responses.

Response:

The Company’s response in PUC 3-21-Amended (first amendment) includes the incorrect actual meter change quantities. The Company inadvertently transposed the numbers for FY17 through FY20. Correct Actual Meter Change quantities were reflected in the Company’s original response to PUC 3-21 and are listed below. Additionally, please refer to PUC 3-21-Second Amended which now reflects the correct Actual Meter Change quantities.

	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Forecasted Meter Changes (Quantity: Value)	14,000: \$3,913,140	14,000: \$2,317,280	18,000: \$3,718,980	18,000: \$3,757,140
Actual Meter Changes (Quantity, Value)	7,931: \$2,216,794	14,383: \$2,380,674	14,209: \$2,938,721	10,369: \$2,164,321

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PUC 7-3

Request:

Please complete the attached Excel file by including meter count data for FY 2020 as well as meter value for each line item for FY 2020 – FY 2022. Please note that the values in the red outlined section have been completed from responses to PUC 6-18.

Response:

Please see Attachment PUC 7-3.

**National Grid - Gas
Meter Counts and Values**

	Actual Meter Count*	Meter Value	Previously Submitted PUC Quantities	Request Reference
FY20 Beginning Inventory	(2,119)	\$ (437,807)	9,767	Amended PUC 3-21
FY 2020 Purchases	18,076	\$ 6,030,000	23,528	PUC 6-17
Total	<u>15,957</u>	<u>\$ 5,592,193</u>	<u>33,295</u>	
FY 2020 Installs	(10,369)	\$ (2,164,321)	(10,369)	Amended PUC 3-22
FY20 EOY Inventory	5,588	\$ 1,676,400	22,926	
FY20 Ending / FY21 Beginning Inventory	5,588	\$ 3,427,872		
FY 2021 Purchases	17,820	\$ 5,338,872		
Total	<u>23,408</u>	<u>\$ 8,766,744</u>		
Install by 3/31/21	(6,970)	\$ (2,088,212)		
FY21 Ending / FY22 Beginning Inventory	16,438	\$ 6,678,532		
FY 2022 Purchases	9,600	\$ 2,880,000		
Total	<u>26,038</u>	<u>\$ 9,558,532</u>		
FY 2022 install	(18,640)	\$ (5,592,000)		
FY 2022 ending inventory	7,398	\$ 3,966,532		

Values in area outlined in red sourced from response to PUC 6-18

* Actual meter count reflects most accurate estimate of historical meter inventory levels. The quantities reflect actual meter level inventory as c